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WITH ANIONIC POLYMERS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 9-10 as follows:

9. (Amended) The use of a combination as claimed in claim 1 for suppressing antagonistic interactions during the application of agrochemically active compounds for controlling harmful plants.

10. (Amended) The use of a combination as claimed in claim 1 for increasing crop selectivity during the application of one or more agrochemically active compounds for controlling harmful plants.

Please cancel claims 11 and 12.

Please add the following claims:

--13. A method for controlling harmful organisms, which comprise applying to said organisms a combination according to claim 1.

14. The method according to claim 13, wherein the harmful organisms are harmful plants.

15. A method for controlling harmful organisms, which comprises applying to said organisms a formulation according to claim 9.

16. The method according to claim 15, wherein the harmful organisms are harmful plants.

17. A process for preparing a formulation as claimed in claim 1, which comprises combining the active compound by customary processes which are known per se, preferably by dissolving, stirring or mixing, with a suitable polymer, and introducing this combination into the formulation, if appropriate with other active compounds, adjuvants and additives.

18. A process for preparing a formulation as claimed in claim 8, which comprises combining the active compound by customary processes which are known per se, preferably by dissolving, stirring or mixing, with a suitable polymer, and introducing this combination into the formulation, if appropriate with other active compounds, adjuvants and additives.--

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-10 remain in the application. Claims 11 and 12 have been cancelled. Claims 9 and 10 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to claims 9 and 10 by the current amendment. No new matter has been added. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**" The filing fee has been calculated based upon these amendments to the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**In the claims:**

9. (Amended) The use of a combination as claimed in claim 1 or of a formulation as claimed in claim 7 or 8 for suppressing antagonistic interactions during the application of agrochemically active compounds for controlling harmful plants.

10. (Amended) The use of a combination as claimed in claim 1 or a formulation as claimed in claim 8 or 9 for increasing crop selectivity during the application of one or more agrochemically active compounds for controlling harmful plants.

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